

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, October 27, 2008

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Bob Moir, Brian Donegan, Don Simpson, Jeff Murphy, Dennis Burstein, Owen Malone, Marc Kannenberg and John Timmons

Staff members present: William Chesley, Tamika Coleman

Guests: N/A

- The meeting started with Jim asking the board to review the summary notes from the September 15 meeting. He also mentioned Bill Rivers was absent from the meeting because he was in the hospital.
- The next agenda item was a discussion on budget reductions and Jim encouraged the board members to continue being advocates for youth sports by attending a FY 2009 Budget Reduction Meeting that was being held on October 30.
 - Jim asked William Chesley to talk about the budget reductions. William stated that all of the information concerning the budget could be found on the City's website and that the ADRPCA had to cut \$330,000 - \$350,000 and the Parks and Recreation Services Divisions will be effected.
 - In the Recreation Services Division, the budget cuts were spread among the programs in the division including Youth Sports.
 - The budget cuts may effect the upcoming basketball season, but the staff is looking for creative ways to cut the cost of the program such as using volunteer score keepers.
 - Jim asked that all board members see how using volunteers in some area could help cut cost in the individual sports.
- New Youth Sports Fee Schedule
 - There was an attachment to the agenda which stated that the youth sports fee will increase to \$25.00 on January 1, 2009 and a new Youth Sports Field Use Fee of \$5.00 will also be implemented.
- A Community Meeting on the Capital Improvement Program is scheduled for Thursday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Lee Center Exhibit Hall.

Jim asked each Board member to give a program update:

- Tamika (Rec Dept):
 - Girl's volleyball league is going well with 8 teams playing in the league. Games are scheduled for Thursday's and Friday's at Minnie Howard,
 - The Basketball Fundamentals Camp starts November 1 and each session is full.
 - The deadline to register for the 2009 Winter Basketball League is November 15.
 - The cheerleading exhibition is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at T.C. Williams High School. Tickets for the exhibition will go on sale November 10.
- Jim (Football):
 - Out of the 15 teams, 10 made the playoffs.
 - The football banquet is scheduled for November 23 at 2:00 at the Lee Center.
 - Our football fields are among the best in the entire league.
- William (Rec Dept.):
 - Houston is scheduled for completion in April 2009.
 - Patrick Henry is next on the improvement list.
- John (Soccer):
 - U17 boy's team advanced to the State Cup and lost in the semi-finals.
 - U14 girl's team is in the regional finals.
 - The program is at the highest and continues to grow. Twenty percent of the kids receive financial aid.
 - One of the goals is to get the Arlandria community more involved in the program, getting the paperwork completed and transportation are problems that are preventing the Hispanic community from participating.
- Brian (Lacrosse):
 - Fall clinics are still going on. The participants are receiving good instruction from past lacrosse players from Duke and Navy.
 - Upcoming season should have 190 boys and 160 girls.
 - There is a tournament scheduled for November 23 at Episcopal High School
- Mike (Baseball):
 - No Updates
- Bob (Parks and Recreation):
 - No Updates
- Bill (Basketball) :
 - No Updates

- Jeff (Rugby):
 - Jeff mentioned he was a member of the PLTI – Parent Leadership Training Institute, which is a free 20 week program
 - Rugby participants are volunteering at Book Buddies at Jefferson-Houston
 - Jeff and Owen want to visit the after school programs to be able to introduce the kids to Rugby.
 - They are currently planning for the Mayor's Cup.
- Donnie Simpson (Citizen)
 - Donnie asked about the possibility of adding flag football to the physical education programs in the school or the youth football program. He mentioned a lot of children are interested in football but do not want to play tackle football.
 - Alexandria Sportsman Club held it's annual Redskins night which featured past Redskins.
 - Baseball night is coming soon
- Dennis Burstein (ACPS):
 - A few Redskins attended Hammond Middle School to help promote HopSports.
- New Business
 - Jim started a discussion on helping student-athletes navigate through the process of getting into college. There seems to be little help coming from the athletic department at the high school and a lot of parents and student-athletes are dealing with the process alone.

The next meeting will be December 8th.